Dear Jim,

8/22/74

Bud phoned about the time he got to his office with the good news. He also said you'd be staying down today and tomorrow checking some loans out. So, this to reach you Saturday before you phone, unless you call tomorrow night.

The Hailo move to 6th circuit on discovery should make a natural ACLU job and they should lust for it. He says you discussed this. I asked him not to await your return because you'll have too much to do and because the ACLU should have all the navel-contemplation time it needs and a little for the law books and typists. So, I guess that, too, will await you.

Idi miscalculated on the space the index would take by a page. Calculation was rough. We were both tired, and it may have been simple arithmetic, that is, good measurements and bad counting. Anyway, I've decided to use that page for a brief comment on today's Post story on the new open Ford threat vs FOI amendment. It will be last last page and it will not be in the index.

I stood all day and into the night and pieced it together, the original job as far as we had gone initially, the corrections in that and the adds required by the appendix. I had written a longer commentary on Rhoads' last letter and cut it to make it fit the miscounted space!

Now as the waxer is, it also started looking. So, the day was made no easier.

Idi is now doing the two brief notes for it and then I'm ready for Monday in the early a.m. She's done. All except the part I'll have to do for the cover and I'll talk to Sandie about that tomorrow. Too tired and back aches too much for work now. I did some roughs for the back a week ago. Have to do something for the insides.

We'll need an envelope, too, for mailing. Sandie can have a cut of the cover reduced, as I did with WW and use the printing I use on that envelope except for the post number, which has been changed. As soon as this one is printed, mark my work, there will be the third number change!

Then we'll have to get to work on the Bookmine add that should be done in a manner that makes our mailing it out possible. We can include one with each letter. (We also have a mailing list, as does Bud.)

When I could find a few moments I've been writing letters, from reporters and talk-show people to Publisher's Weekly. I'll do more of this when I can. All indefinites, just notices.

This book should weigh almost to the ounce what Whitewash did. That means it will go for minimum 4th class with the envelope included. We should get a supply of forms for the earlier books to include with any you mail out. I don't know what our supply is. If someone would cut a stencil, we could get four blanks from a single sheet. This is what I did before. We should also include this for the future and for gifts those who get it may want to make. But it will still go four to the 8 1/2 x 11 sheet. And stencilling considerations? Unless Sandie says offset is better, in which event we need but one copy on plain paper.

Only thing else new is I have a copy of the Playboy piece on Mae Brussell, so don't copy. Don't buy for it, either.

From what Bud said of the hearing, I think we'll want more testimony from me. We should plan this. And you should check the list of authorized repair places and get your s-all recorder repaired. I have a whole series of Freak excerpts you may want to hear and to play. I also have the master from the station. I did not do this with the Post. Would tapes. If this is unfeasible, we can have 'em rolling in the aisles. And Bud will have a Nimmo to use that riffle, esp. if Foreman is there. That'll outForeman the old rotter.

Congratulations!